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SUBJECT: ADENAUER FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVE CLAIMS CLAT HAS  
MODIFIED ITS STRIDENT ANTI- US DOCTRINE.

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1. EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE MET WITH LATIN AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY INSTITUTE OF KONRAD ADENAUER FOUNDATION, MANFRED HUBER, ON APRIL 9. HUBER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADENAUER FOUNDATION CONTACTS WITH CENTRAL LATIN AMERICANA DE TRABAJADORES ( CLAT).
  2. HUBER WAS MARKEDLY CONCILIATORY THROUGHOUT MEETING AND TOOK POSITION THAT CLAT HAS ALTERED ITS FORMERLY DOGMATIC ANTI- UNITED STATES STANCE. HUBER STATED THAT THIS CHANGE HAS BEEN EVIDENT SINCE SIXTH CLAT CONVENTION HELD IN CARACAS IN NOV 71. AT THAT TIME, IN ADDITION TO CHANGING NAME FROM CONFEDERACION LATINO-AMERICANA SINDICAL CRISTIANA ( CLASC) TO CLAT, THE ORGANIZATION REORDERED ITS PRIORITIES SO THAT THE TWO PRIMARY " EVILS TO BE ACCKED" ARE CURRENTLY MILITARISM AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. " UNITED STATES IMPERIALISM IN LATIN AMERICA AND PUPPET ORGANIZ-ATIONS LIKE ORIT" ARE NOW RANKED ONLY THIRD ON CLAT' S LIST OF EVILS, ACCORDING TO HUBER.
  3. LABOR ATTACHE MENTIONED THAT CLAT DID NOT HAVE MONOPOLY AMONG
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LABOR MOVEMENTS IN OPPOSING MILITARISM AND IN SEEKING MORE EQUITABLE  
NEGOTIATING CONDITIONS WITH MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS. HUBER  
AGREED

AND STATED THAT IN SUCH MATTERS THERE WAS OBVIOUS AREA FOR COMMON  
APPROACH BETWEEN CLAT AND ORIT. ALTHOUGH CLAT HAD REJECTED ALL  
PREVIOUS OVERTURES FROM ORIT IT NOW WAS PREPARED TO BE MORE  
RECEPTIVE

IN AREAS WHERE JOINT INTERESTS WERE CLEAR.

4. HUBER ACKNOWLEDGED CLAT' S BLAST AT U. S. PRIOR TO U. N. SECURITY  
COUNCIL MEETING IN PANAMA. HE ALSO NOTED RECENT CLAT CHARGES THAT  
OAS

SHOULD BE ABANDONED, DUE TO DISPROPORTIONATE U. S. INFLUENCE, AND  
REPLACED BY AN ORGANIZATION OF LATIN AMERICAN STATES. HE  
CLAIMED THESE POLICY STATEMENTS ARE ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE MORE  
SOPHISTICATED

APPROACH CLAT IS NOW TAKING TOWARD THE U. S. IN THAT CLAT IS NOW  
DISTINGUISHING BETWEEN U. S. POLICIES IT CAN ACCEPT AND THOSE IT  
FEELS IT AS A CHAMPION OF THE THIRD WORLD, MUST OPPOSE.

5. WITH A FRANK ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLAT' S WEAKNESS AS A LATIN  
AMERICAN

LABOR MOVEMENT HUBER RATIONALIZED CLAT' S ATTACKS ON U. S. AS AN  
ATTEMPT TO AWAKE AND ATTRACT POPULAR SUPPORT FROM AMONG WORKING  
MASSES.

HE CLAIMED THAT THESE ATTACKS ARE ESSENTIALLY A TACTICAL MANEUVER  
AND

THAT " AFTER CLAT' S POSITION IS CONSOLIDATED" THE U. S. WOULD FIND  
THE CLAT LEADERSHIP MUCH MORE RESPONSIBLE AND AMENABLE.

6. COMMENT: HUBER' S ALMOST APOLOGETIC ATTITUDE IN JUSTIFYING CLAT' S  
ANTI- U. S. STATEMENTS IS PERHAPS AS INDICATION THAT ADENAUER  
FOUNDATION

IS INCREASINGLY UNCOMFORTABLE WITH CLAT SECRETARY GENERAL EMILIO  
MASPERO' S DIATRIBES. HOWEVER, AS NO ALTERNATE LEADER WITH  
MASPOERO' S  
DYNAMISM IS IN SIGHT, THEY SIMPLY MEY BE TRYING TO TEMPORIZE SITUATION

BY TONING MASPERO DOWN AND SMOOTHING SITUATION OVER WITH U. S.  
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